

# Aldine Drive Slope Restoration Project

Community Update #2



June 2011

## WELCOME TO THE PROJECT UPDATE

The purpose of the update is to **keep the community informed** of the progress of the construction activities for the Aldine Drive Slope Restoration Project. It is our goal to clearly facilitate the flow of the most current information.

### Why doesn't the project include a sidewalk or bicycle facility?

The Aldine Drive Slope Restoration Project was a direct response to the storm disaster and the emergency declared in 2005 to protect the road from further sloughing and erosion of the slopes.

During the design process, we evaluated the feasibility for a bicycle facility and a sidewalk. **Aldine Drive is not a very wide street and there is presently not enough space along the right-of-way for both sidewalk and class III bikeway accommodations.**

The Mid-City Community plan notes that sidewalks should be provided along all street frontages except in steep hillside areas where there is no access to adjoining properties. The project on Aldine Drive is located in a steep hillside area and does not provide access to any properties.

The placement of a sidewalk is not currently feasible and would have the following implications:

- ⦿ The sidewalk would be unsafe as it would not be connected to a pedestrian circulation element.
- ⦿ The sidewalk would require a full realignment of Aldine Drive.
- ⦿ Additional Right-of-Way would need to be acquired.
- ⦿ Flooding of travel-way would occur without additional storm drain infrastructure.

### How does the project address aesthetics of the wall and possible graffiti?

The retaining wall has been designed to be visually pleasing to the passerby with **cobble veneer** at the base of wall and columns, **colored concrete** that blends with the cobble, and **horizontal reveals** in the concrete to **discourage any kind of tagging or graffiti.**

The shrubs behind the wall are meant to cascade over the wall. These cascading shrubs are meant to soften and help screen the tall retaining wall.

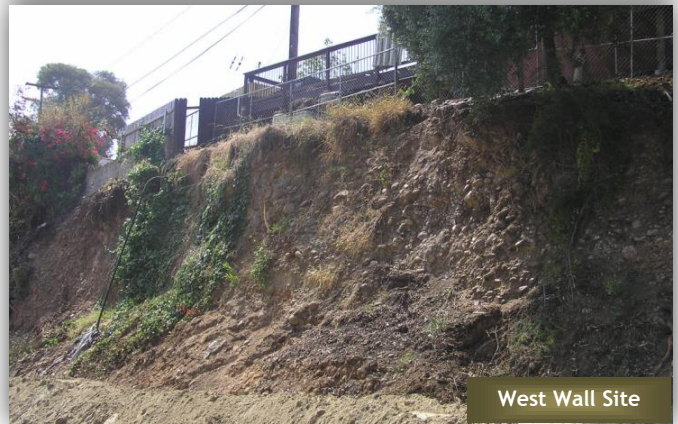
## Construction Activities Status Update

Here's the latest update on the construction activities in your neighborhood:

- ⦿ The biology survey for construction has been completed.
- ⦿ Clearing of the slope at the wall locations is in progress.
- ⦿ Temporary shoring for the slope will begin next.



East Wall Site



West Wall Site



Aldine Drive is now closed to through traffic. MTS Route detours have been implemented.

Thank you for your continued patience with the traffic inconveniences as we work to deliver this important infrastructure project.



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